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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: U.K. IDEAS ON RESPONSE TO KARAMANLIS' LETTER

1. AT SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING OF CYPRUS GROUP (SEPTTEL) SYG LUNS ANNOUNCED HE INTENDS TO CONVOKE ON SEPTEMBER 10 INFORMAL MEETING OF THIRTEEN ALLIES (FIFTEEN, MINUS GREECE AND TURKEY) TO CONSIDER HOW VARIOUS ALLIES INTEND TO RESPOND TO THE KARAMANLIS LETTER ON GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE NATO INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. U.K. PERMREP (PECK) THEREUPON CIRCULATED TO CYPRUS GROUP BELOW-QUOTED PAPER OUTLINING HMG'S INCLINATIONS AS TO SHAPE OF SUCH REPLY. PECK INTENDS TO DRAW UPON THIS PAPER AT THE SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING.

2. REQUEST BY OOB SEPTEMBER 10 DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS TO U.K. VIEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON GENERAL QUESTION OF RESPONSES BY ALLIES TO
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KARAMANLIS.

BEGIN TEXT:

GREEK PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER TO ALLIED HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER A SHORT AND UNPROVOCATIVE REPLY. WE SEE NO POINT IN SEEKING TO REBUT KARAMANLIS'S CRITICISMS OF THE ALLIANCE OR IN ENTERING INTO AN ARGUMENT ABOUT THE PROPER ROLE FOR THE ALLIANCE IN DISPUTES AFFECTING ITS OWN MEMBERS. NOR DO WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ASK DIRECT QUESTIONS OR SHOW EAGERNESS TO HOLD EARLY AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEKS ABOUT THEIR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO IN THE FUTURE. ALTHOUGH WE, OF COURSE WELCOME IN PRINCIPLE GREEK READINESS TO EXAMINE CONSEQUENT PROBLEMS JOINTLY, AND NOT EMBARK ON UNILATERAL ACTION. THE LONGER THE GREEKS ARE GIVEN TO REFLECT AND TO LET THEIR IMMEDIATE EMOTIONS SUBSIDE, THE GREATER THE CHANCE THAT THEY WILL HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS.

OUR PRESENT INCLINATION IS THEREFORE TO SEND A REPLY WHICH WOULD:

(A) ACKNOWLEDGE MR. KARAMANLIS' MESSAGE;

(B) ASSURE HIM OF THE VALUE WE ATTACH TO GREEK MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALLIANCE AND OUR CONVICTION THAT MEMBERSHIP HAS PROVED TO BE IN GREECE'S OWN INTERESTS; AND

(C) EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO OF OUR ALLIES (WHICH WE MUCH REGRET) WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE, NOR PREJUDICE OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A GENUINE IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

AT THIS STAGE WE SEE NO POINT IN INCLUDING IN OUR REPLY AN PARTICULAR POINTS ABOUT CYPRUS BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE DIFFERENT AT THE TIME WHEN THE REPLY IS SENT (PERHAPS IN ABOUT A WEEK'S TIME).

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